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**STEVENSON'S ERRORS**

Even columnist Joseph Alsop, who has been critical of the Kennedy Administration, concedes that Adlai Stevenson adopted effective action by the United States during the ill-fated invasion of Cuba.

Now appears, and the supporting evidence grows, that until four hours before the Cuban freedom fighters capitulated, there was more than a chance of victory. But Stevenson's outraged protest led President Kennedy to refuse the coverage that both the CIA and the Pentagon had promised, and to immobilize the Navy.

This action guaranteed failure of the invasion. It condemned to inevitable death or capture virtually all of the invaders.

Adlai's device, once carried out, also guaranteed that the invasion effort would give a crushing blow to American prestige and a major triumph for Castro, the Western Hemisphere's first Communist-oriented dictator.

Since then, Stevenson's influence is observed in other areas of major importance.

He has urged the Administration to take no action against the admission of Red China into the United Nations.

He has a major interest in Washington's apparent determination to extend diplomatic recognition to Outer Mongolia, a Soviet satellite, even if this costs us the friendship of Nationalist China.

He has voted three times in the United Nations against anti-Communist Portugal, a friend and ally, and with the Soviet Union, an avowed enemy.

He encouraged the appeasement "trial balloon" by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield on the Berlin question. The Mansfield proposal for making Berlin a "free city" would be capitulation to Soviet pressure and would alienate the West German Government, another anti-Communist ally.

If any of these moves, in which the befuddled thinking of Stevenson is evident, can honestly be shown to be in the national interest, the proof is elusive. Common sense would indicate each one of them constitutes a blow to the U. S. position and a strengthening of the Communists.

Before Adlai does any more serious harm, isn't it time to recall that he never was elected to any national position? The American people twice rejected him, presumably because they did not like his ideas. Now, rejection or not, Stevenson is carrying out some of those ideas, and they are even worse than the voters could have imagined.

The nation does not need Adlai. What is more, it cannot afford Adlai. He should return to private life, where his errors in judgment will affect fewer persons.